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1. ROMANIAN MISSION CURRENTLY CIRCULATING FOLLOWING TEXT OF
DRAFT RES CONCERNING VENUE OF ECE PLENARY SESSIONS:

QUOTE. THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE,

AWARE OF POSITIVE INFLUENCE WHICH HOLDING OF SESSIONS OF THE
UN BODIES IN CAPITALS OF MEMBER STATES MAY HAVE FOR INFORMATION
OF PUBLIC OPINION WITH REGARD TO AIMS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS,

CONSIDERING THAT ESTABLISHED PRACTICE IN ECE OF HOLDING SOME
MEETINGS - ESPECIALLY SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA - OUTSIDE OF GENEVA
AT INVITATION OF ECE GOVERNMENTS HAS HAD BENEFICIAL EFFECTS BY
CONTRIBUTING TO BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF AIMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF
ECONOMIC CO- OPERATION IN ECE AMONG GOVERNMENTS OF REGION,

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BELIEVING THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FROM TIME TO TIME ALSO
TO HOLD PLENARY SESSIONS OF COMMISSION IN CAPITALS OF MEMBER
COUNTRIES AT INVITATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS;

RECALLING GENERAL PRINCIPLE ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN 1965 IN ITS RESOLUTION 2116 (XX) OF PATTERN OF
CONFERENCES - REITERATED THEREAFTER IN ITS RESOLUTIONS 2478
(XXIII), 2609 (XXIV) AND 2960 (XXVII) - THAT UNITED NATIONS
BODIES SHALL PLAN TO MEET AT THEIR RESPECTIVE ESTABLISHED
HEADQUARTERS BUT THAT EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE " WHEN A GOVERNMENT
ISSUING AN INVITATION FOR A MEETING ... HAS AGREED TO DEFRAID ...
THE ACTUAL ADDITIONAL COSTS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED";

NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS FROM THIS
GENERAL PRINCIPLE HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO A NUMBER OF UNITED
NATIONS BODIES INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS
FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST, LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA WITH RESPECT
TO THEIR PLENARY SESSIONS AS WELL AS TO MEETINGS OF THEIR
SUBSIDIARY BODIES;

RECALLING RESOLUTION 1561 (XLIX) OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL WHICH REAFFIRMS FACT THAT QUESTION OF CHOOSING PLACE
OF REGULAR SESSIONS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS COMES
UNDER COMPETENCE OF THESE COMMISSIONS AS INTERGOVERNMENTAL
BODIES.

1. REQUESTS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY TO GRANT, IN RESPECT OF PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, SAME TREATMENT AS HAS BEEN
GRANTED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH RESPECT TO PLENARY SESSIONS
OF THE OTHER REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS;

2. DECIDES THAT AS REGARDS MEETINGS OF ITS SUBSIDIARY
BODIES - ESPECIALLY SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA - HELD OUTSIDE OF
GENEVA, EXISTING PRACTICE SHOULD CONTINUE WHEREBY HOST GOVERN-
MENT AGREES TO BEAR ADDITIONAL COST INVOLVED. UNQUOTE.

2. MISOFF INFORMED ROMANIAN MISSION OF U. S. POSITION FAVORING
EXISTING SYSTEM OF HOLDING ECE PLENARIES IN GENEVA AND INSISTENCE
THAT ADDITIONAL COSTS OF ANY MEETINGS HELD AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS
BE MET BY HOST GOVERNMENTS AS PER REFTEL (B). BASSIN
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